

Food for Work Programme in Gujarat and Rajasthan

*246. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Food for Work Programme has been stopped in the drought affected States of Rajasthan and Gujarat; and
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The Food for Work Programme has been extended upto 30th September, 2001 and is applicable to all drought affected and notified States, including Rajasthan and Gujarat.

- (b) Does not arise.

Supply of raw jute for conversion

*247. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MMTC had proposed to NJMC on 27th April, 2001 for tie up arrangement with NJMC mills whereby MMTC would make arrangement for supply of raw jute for conversion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether MMTC pursued the matter further *vide* their letter dated 25th May, 2001;
- (d) whether MMTC, *vide* letter dated the 25th June, 2001 to Textile Ministry solicited intervention for strategic alliance between MMTC and NJMC;
- (e) the reasons for delay in responding to the above offer;
- (f) the present status of MMTC's proposal; and
- (g) whether STC had also shown similar interest?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. MMTC *vide* its letter dated 27.04.2001 offered a

tie-up arrangement to NJMC Ltd. for captive production of MMTC's behalf. MMTC proposed to supply Raw Jute and NJMC was to produce hessian and sacks, which will be marketed by NJMC on behalf of MMTC. The payment from the buyers will be received by MMTC who will make payment to NJMC after recovering their costs and commission. However, MMTC did not offer to take any mill on conversion basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) NJMC advertised in the Newspapers seeking bids for conversion work on 09.05.2001. MMTC did not send any offer against this tender for job conversion work. On the advice of Ministry of Textiles, a meeting was held between MMTC and NJMC, wherein MMTC was advised to send a clear proposal indicating rates of conversion offered by them. MMTC has subsequently reported that they are in the process of discussion with NJMC.

(g) Yes, Sir.

Loans/concessions for tribal and poor people in Arunachal Pradesh under rural development schemes

*248. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans and concessions are provided to the tribal and poor people in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under different rural development schemes and programmes being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allotted and released for the same during the last three years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Schemes programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development involving component of loans/concessions and being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh are as under: